Grants for maintenance of National Highways

3703. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the non-plan grants for maintenance and repairs of the National Highways during each of the last five years, State-wise;

(b) the amount utilized so far, State-wise;

(c) whether maintenance and repair grants are proportionate to the length of the National Highways in the States; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) The details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Maintenance and repair grants for 'Ordinary Repairs' and 'Periodical Repairs' are proportionate to the length of the National Highways in the States. A small percentage is, however, kept in reserve for meeting emergent repairs due to rains, floods etc.

Bridges/roads in Orissa under CRF

3704. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain proposals from the State Government of Orissa for construction of bridges and improvement of roads under the Central Road Fund are pending with the Central Government for clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith their estimated cost; and

(c) by when the grant for the above proposals are likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Proposals up to the permissible limit have been approved and the remaining proposals were returned to the State Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.